

May 2013 Newsletter

The Diamond Chapter May meeting will be Saturday May 25 at the Mt. Ida Good Ole Days event. See Fliers. I will be there at 9:00 am to set up canopy, tables, chairs and bikes. Club meeting will be at 2:30 pm. If you want to show your bike, Please preregister by mail or be there before 10:00 am.

If you have not been to MT. Ida Good Ole Days it is a full day of fun with car and motorcycle show, food and crafts. Weather will be 84 degrees with 30% chance of rain. We can form a group ride or just go on your own. Let me know if you want to ride in a group ASAP.

Hope to see you there for a fun day,
Mike

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May Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Gordon Smith and Dennis Ghegan

Diamond Chapter Minutes, April 2013

The regular Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm at Perkin's. 19 were present. It was good to see Gordon Smith, who is looking good in spite of the treatments he is taking. Remember Greg Dingler also, as he recovers from surgery and begins cancer treatments also.

The minutes were accepted as printed.

The treasurers report also accepted as presented. A reminder was given that local dues are due in June (\$ 15.00 per person)
\$ 22.50 was donated today.

The next meeting will be May 25th in MT. Ida "Good Ole Days" show. Entry fee must be paid by 10:00am. The show is from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. We will try to organize a ride to MT. Ida, Watch for e-mail.

Mike Parker brought trivia questions on Italian Motorcycles. It was lucky for Mario that he made the meeting and won the trivia contest.

Mike Parker also made a club trophy out of old parts that will be presented to other clubs in the future all events attendance.

Larry Edwards went to Diamond Don's Vintage Motocross and won his class. A link is in the newsletter.

Gordon will report next meeting on the ARAMA meeting.

Greg reported on the Forsythe, MO swap meet.

New Business:

Antique Motorcycles in the Park fliers need to be printed soon. Linda will contact the young lady that designed them last year about this year's poster and flier.

Greg presented an idea to have posters made of old motorcycles photos to mount and cover the parking meter heads at Hill Wheatley Plaza. All members are encouraged to bring photos to Linda for this purpose. You will receive your photo back after printing. You may also email them to Linda or the amcadiamondchapter@hotmail.com email address.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bright

VFW Poker Run:

The VFW poker run had a good turn out with several vendors, food, band, and bike show. No antique motorcycles were in the show. I missed the poker run. I did not get there until late afternoon because of big plumbing problems at the house. I called John Quirk (club member) at his business, Anytime Plumbing so we spent most of the afternoon doing repairs. He has done a great job. Thanks John. If you need a Plumber call John Quirk, Anytime Plumbing 501-623-6446.

[Click here](#) for **The Back Straight: By Larry Edwards**

MINI ROAD RUN: June 30th

The Mini Road Run will be Sunday June 30th. Starting at The Transportation Depot be there at 11:30 am, leaving at 12:00.

Ending at Gulpha Gorge For ride recap and meeting. Greg Bright and Mike Thomson will pre-run the course. This will be the 3rd Annual Mini Road Run. This event is for your smallest street legal motorcycle. The course is less than 20 miles, though down town Hot Springs, up to West Mountain and back streets to Glupha Gorge.

The June Diamond Chapter meeting will be around 2:00. Food and drinks will be provided by the club. Awards and door prizes will be presented. You will be asked to sign a mini release form. This event is open to the public and any bike can ride but little bikes first. Get that little bike cleaned up and running, so you can ride. Bring your friends.

If you need more information contact Mike at 501-525-9833 or email safari100usa@yahoo.com

Antique Motorcycles in the Park:

September will be here before you know it, so be thinking about our BIG Antique Motorcycles in the Park Show at Hill Wheatley Plaza. We are working on fliers and posters and will be printed soon. I will let you know when they are done.

We will need to get them out to motorcycle shops in August. I have been in contact with the Confederate and Cherokee Chapters; they will bring some high quality motorcycles to the show.

Start talking to people about the show now so we can get their interest up. It is a lot of work putting on this event on and we will need lots of volunteers. Let's make the 6th Annual Antique Motorcycles in the Park the best show ever.

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

Texas Road Run April 2014:

The Cherokee Chapter is putting on an AMCA official Road Run in the Hill Country of Texas, April 2014. This is a big event. I have been asked to be road captain on one of the rides and will be happy to do so.

I will keep you informed as things progress. Please be thinking about going if you can. You will need to take a little time off work to go, so I know not everyone can go. I want the last time and had a great time.

Be thinking about it.

Work Shop Tools Explained:

WIRE WHEEL: cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the work bench with the speed of light.

Also removes fingerprints and hard- earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, " oh sh-- ! "

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood blisters.

Things My Motorcycle Has Taught Me:

1. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
2. There's something ugly about a new bike on a trailer.
3. If you ride like there is no tomorrow, there may not be.

Events:

May 25 - Mt Ida Good Ole Days, MT Ida AR, Ride or bring a bike to show. Let's form a ride. All Day Event.

Diamond Chapter meeting will be around 2:00pm at this event, Try to make it. Contact # 870-867-2311. [Click here](#) to see the flier. [Click here](#) for the entry form.

May 29- June 1- British Car and Motorcycle Show. Hot Springs Village.

<http://www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org/>

June 22- Hot Springs Village Motorcycle and Scooter show. 10:30 - 2:00 pm. HSV visitor center. Near west gate off HWY 7.

June 30- MINI ROAD RUN, Diamond Chapter Mini Road Run and June Meeting.



Sept. 7 - 6th Annual Antique Motorcycles in the Park. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

For Sale:

Thomson's Antique Motorcycles Collection, 501-525-9833, safari100usa@yahoo.com [Click here for more information.](#)

1970 Triumph TR6, Club project bike, rebuilt and restored. Call 501-525-9833

Wanted: Newsletter Editor:

Apply at meeting, great, benefits, and double your salary in no time. You get to have fun.

Remember June 30th is not that far away, so get those little bikes ready for the Mini Road Run

You can send the Newsletter to anyone you think may have an interest.

Michael Thomson
President Diamond Chapter of Arkansas AMCA